

Havre Area JSEC Minutes for 04/14/10

Attending: Bev Hagen – Havre Job Service, Cathy Jamruszka – MSU Northern Agriculture Research Center, Sylvia Murray – Murrays' Genealogy Services, Garnet Bergren – Havre Day Activity Center, Jess Lohse – Bear Paw Lumber, Lori Evans – Hill County Electric/Triangle Communications, Darrel Hannum – District IV HRDC Employment & Training Program.

What's New at Job Service

Bev

1. Carol is gone to Great Falls today to help with interviews for the manager position at the Job Service.
2. Pam Hillery, a temp hire through June at Job Service, took another position at MSU Northern as the Tutor Coordinator & left our office to start her new position on April 5.
3. Richard Hanley remains on staff as a temp hire through middle of November. He is working on a State Application Workshop (first one being today) that may be repeated on a scheduled basis. This involves explaining the state application process & giving pointers how to complete the process effectively.
4. Scott Laden is continuing to run the Ultimate Job Search workshop series (each session is 5 weeks long on Thursday mornings from 9-12). Our staff will also be giving one other workshop per quarter (STEPS, Working It Out, etc). Working It Out is tentatively set for May/June???
5. Annual budget work meeting for Carol is 4/19-21.
6. Regarding our last meeting's minutes:
 - Maybe look into co-sponsoring Steve Beck with other organizations for travel monies, etc.
 - Look into something for Jim Nys possibly in the fall.

Treasurer's Report

Sylvia

1. Sylvia reported that the balance in checking is \$1,357.83 with one outstanding check.
2. Balance in savings is \$25.14.

2010 Innovation in Business Conference

Bev

1. This annual conference is to be held May 18 & 19 in Billings
2. Carol will be attending. Nobody else could commit to attend this year.
3. Discussion took place about a silent auction item including suggestions like something MSU Northern, Havre Beneath the Streets, Saddle Butte Smoking, BNSF. Lori made a motion to spend up to \$75 to put together an auction item. Darrel seconded the motion. Cathy & Garnet volunteered to chase items down & will deliver them to Havre Job Service for Carol to take along to conference.
4. Bev

Possible workshops & those already coming to area

Bev

1. ABC Clinic June 24
2. Jim Nys NFIB
3. Steve Beck – Customer Service
4. Notary training September 21
5. Feedback on MT Safety & Health Bureau trainings

Work Force Comments, Concerns & Open Forum

All

1. Lori Evans, Triangle Communications/Hill County Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Recently they hired 2 new receptionists. Currently they are in the process of hiring one Right of

Way Agent. The outlook is for openings to come in the telephone side of business due to retirements. So far, all have been filled internally but things may trickle down to hiring for other positions when all the shuffling is done.

2. Cathy Jamruszka, Northern Ag Research Center – They currently have one scientist position open. She shared that big cuts are in store for NARC & EARC & the Extension Service also. She said that the research centers are being hit more than ever. As far as their full-time employees, they are pretty much ok at this point, but the hourly labor is going to suffer big cuts. Their new building is almost complete & they are looking to move into it in September, 2010. That money is from different funding is safe at this point.
3. Darrel Hannum, Employment & Training Program, District IV HRDC – At this point, HRDC is not sure if Child Care Link will remain or not. Services may go to Great Falls to cover this area. Providers will be hurt & families won't have local advocacy for their program. The savings in such cuts is being questioned at this point. The Summer Youth program looks like it will be a go again but still unsure about details. Looks like they will get half of what they had last year for Summer Youth. Darrel also shared that they have training coming up in Billings the 27-29 of May.
He also shared that the Energy & Weatherization program at HRDC is having trouble finding people to use their services in Rocky Boy & Fort Belknap. He asked the group's help in getting the word out. Interested people are to contact HRDC. They have ARRA monies that need to get used.
4. Garnet Bergren, Havre Day Activity Center – Garnet shared that the government changed their mind...originally they did not plan to cut services to the Developmentally Disabled. As of July, 2012, funding will go back to what it was in 2009 & services will be cut. She shared that recently their facility moved 2 high cost clients to Boulder cutting 4 Full Time Employees. They are trying to absorb these losses through resignations & not filling positions.
5. Jess Lohse, Bear Paw Lumber – Jess shared that they recently hired 3 people: 1 with experience from Bozeman, 1 driver/maintenance, 1 truss builder. They are holding steady at 9-10 Full Time Employees.
6. Sylvia Murray, Murrays' Genealogy Services – Chose not to share anything as time was running very short.

Next meeting

JSEC – June 9, 2010 at 11 am (as a group decided to keep meeting this summer)